

## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### **APPROVAL OF THE GROUNDWATER TREND MONITORING WORKPLAN AND DATA GAP ASSESSMENT PLAN FOR THE CALIFORNIA RICE COMMISSION**

Thank you for your submittal of the Groundwater Trend Monitoring Workplan and Data Gap Assessment Plan required by Attachment B to General Order No. R5-2014-0032 Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) on 1 October 2015 (revised 30 March 2016). The Central Valley Water Board staff review of the Workplan is provided in the attached memo.

The Workplan outlines the groundwater trend monitoring activities that will be completed at twenty monitoring wells identified in Table 5 of the MRP, or replacement wells where the wells in the MRP are no longer available. All twenty wells will be monitored once every 5 years, starting in 2017, for the constituents listed in Table 6 of the MRP. One half of the monitoring wells will be monitored in years 2 and 4 and the second half in years 3 and 5. This rotation will continue unless modified by the Executive Officer. The results of monitoring will be reported in annual monitoring reports with trend analysis beginning after the third year of sampling is completed.

The Workplan also includes an assessment of the northern Glenn County, Yuba County, and Eastern Sutter and Placer Counties data gaps areas, identified in the Groundwater Quality Assessment Report (July 2013). Staff found that the data gap assessment sufficiently demonstrates that the data gaps areas are low vulnerability areas. Staff agrees with the plan to include data from six monitoring wells in the Yuba County area, monitored by the Department of Water Resources, in the groundwater trend analysis.

The groundwater trend monitoring plan complies with the requirements of the MRP, and I approve your Workplan and data gaps assessment conclusions. Appendix B of the Workplan is a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) prepared for groundwater monitoring. The groundwater QAPP will be reviewed with your surface water QAPP, which is currently under staff review, and is not included in this approval.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Ashley Peters at (916) 464-4857 or by email at [Ashley.Peters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ashley.Peters@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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